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Corporate Donations Support High School Science Bowl

The generosity of large and small corporations benefit many people in our community, and in some cases, the benefits can last a lifetime. This is the case with corporate donations provided to support the Science Bowl, a national educational initiative coordinated by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The objective of Science Bowl is to promote and challenge the nation's high school students to excel in math and science. The format of the competition is a fast-paced question and answer session in the areas of chemistry, astronomy, biology, physics, general science, earth science, computer science, and mathematics. More than 80,000 students have competed in Science Bowl since its establishment in 1991.

Below is a list of organizations that have already signed up to help sponsor the Nevada Regional Science Bowl, hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office:

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Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc.
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Circus
University of Nevada – Las Vegas
University of Nevada – Reno
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Regional Office
and Hoover Dam
U.S. Department of Energy – Office of
Repository Development
Wackenhut Services, Inc.

Support from these corporate sponsors is used to provide transportation to and from the local and national competitions as well as establish prize money for the top 12 schools. First place prize money is \$2,500. The schools invest this money in their math and science programs by purchasing additional books and equipment and by offering college scholarships. Corporate sponsorships also cover the costs of food for the entire weekend, non-monetary prizes such as backpacks and trophies, T-shirts, and hotel rooms for out-of-town teams. To coincide with this year's roller coaster theme, the Adventuredome Theme Park at Circus Circus also donated 200 roller coaster ride passes for the students.

Area high schools have already started preparing for the local competition which will take place February 7-8, 2003, at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Winners of the local competition will then compete in the National Science Bowl May 1-5 in Washington, D.C.

For more information on how you can become a Science Bowl sponsor, please contact Kirsten Kellogg at (702) 295-3521 or e-mail *kelloggk@nv.doe.gov*.